

# Borno: 40 terrorists, 4 soldiers killed in counter-terrorism operations - DHQ

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THE Defence Headquarters yesterday said 40 terrorists and 4 soldiers were killed in counter-terrorism operations in Borno State after the capture of some insurgents in Bulanbuli, that escalated into a battle.

A statement by the Director Defence Information Major-General Chris Olukolade said: "The capture of a number of terrorists believed to be the ringleaders of those operating around Alagarmo, has sparked off a major fight in the outskirts of Bulanbuli, Borno State last night."

He added that, "Over 40 terrorists died in the encounter while 4 soldiers lost their lives

and 9 were wounded."

General Olukolade also said: "More than 16 rifles and a substantial number of assorted calibres of ammunitions, Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) materials, SIM Cards and electronic items have so far been recovered."

Two of the terrorists were earlier arrested at a local market two days ago while trying to procure foodstuff while others were spying on the military base in the area. Others still being trailed include a terrorist medic who was on a mission to procure drugs.

Bulanbuli is between Alagarmo and Sambisa Forest where the terrorists have been attempting to establish a stronghold in their campaign, the DHQ statement said.